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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: D.T.E. 04-113, Boston Edison Company – 2004 Reconciliation Filing

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On September 1, 2005, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") established a procedural schedule for the above-referenced reconciliation proceeding for Boston Edison Company ("Boston Edison" or the "Company"). That procedural schedule established today as the deadline for completing responses to outstanding information requests and for filing any settlement agreement in the case.

As the Department is aware, the Company filed a notice of intent to file a general rate proceeding, and the resources needed to prepare for that filing have precluded the completion of discovery and settlement negotiations with the Attorney General on the reconciliation case. The Company remains optimistic that a full or partial settlement can be achieved, as it has done in virtually every reconciliation case over the past several years, but it has been impossible to complete a settlement agreement under the existing schedule.

Accordingly, it is necessary for the Company to request an extension of the settlement/discovery filing date. The Company will confer with the Attorney General and propose a new schedule.

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We have been authorized by the Attorney General to represent that he assents to this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Werlin

cc: Shaela McNulty Collins, Hearing Officer

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